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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6605

BILL NUMBER: HB 1137

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 28, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Feb 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Extra Heavy Duty Highways.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Stevenson

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Charbonneau

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State.

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill provides that certain sections of Highway 912 in East Chicago are designated as extra heavy duty highways, and that the total gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated with a special weight permit on one section of Highway 912 may not exceed 264,000 pounds. It makes corresponding changes.

Effective Date: (Revised) Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) Under current law, the legislature designates extra heavy duty highways that carry a maximum combined vehicle weight of 134,000 pounds. The bill would require the redesigned route of Highway 912 from Dickey Road to a point 4,050 feet southwest of Riley Road to carry up to 264,000 pounds, but would not allow the maximum wheel weight to exceed 1,650 pounds per inch width of tire or a single axle weight in excess of 18,500 pounds. These requirements will not require any changes to the road and have no fiscal impact.

The state has redesigned the route of Highway 912 across a bridge between Dickey Road and Riley Road. These roads were relinquished by the city of East Chicago to the state for this purpose. The bridge can handle the 134,000-pound Michigan Train-permitted loads. It is on schedule for retrofits within the next couple of years, but these retrofits are not the result of making the road an extra heavy duty highway.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) The bill requires a special permit for a combined vehicle weight between 80,000 and 264,000 pounds. The maximum special permitted weight under current law is 134,000 pounds. A special vehicle permit includes both a permit fee and a mileage fee. A truck with a combined vehicle weight of 264,000 pounds would pay an additional \$0.40 per mile for the mileage fee than a vehicle

of 134,000 pounds. Any additional revenue would be based on the miles traveled. Revenue from the special vehicle permit is deposited in the State Highway Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: INDOT.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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